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Philippines Poultry and Products RP Bans Poultry from Texas 2003

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Report Highlights:

The Philippine Department of Agriculture (DA) recently issued Memorandum Order No. 16 dated May 21, 2003 imposing a temporary ban on the importation of domestic and wild birds and their products from the State of Texas. The order took effect on May 24, 2003 in response to an outbreak of Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) in that area.

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The Philippine Department of Agriculture (DA) has temporarily banned all imports of domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old-chicks, eggs and semen from the State of Texas, United States of America, in response to a report of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the Office International des Epizooties (OIE) last April 10, 2003 confirming the outbreak of virulent Newcastle disease in that area. The ban was contained in the DA Memorandum Order No. 16 dated May 21, 2003. This order became effective on May 24, 2003.

In 2002, the United States exported a total of \$13.8 million worth of poultry meat to the Philippines. Though there are no known exports of poultry meat products to the Philippines originating from Texas recorded for the same year, the Philippines imported \$229,000 worth of game fowl primarily from the states of Texas and Alabama.